



The Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS) is pleased to announce the implementation of a comprehensive paperwork reduction plan. It is the intent of the plan is to address barriers to workforce retention, staff satisfaction, and quality of care within the public behavioral health system resulting from excessive amounts of paperwork and burdensome processes. Recommendations for the plan represent the culmination of input from a diverse committee of individuals including; ADHS/DBHS staff, RBHA representatives, RBHA providers, and a private consultant. ADHS/DBHS would like to personally thank all committee members for their significant contributions and commitment to the process. Committee members included:

Robert Wilderman: Community Counseling Centers

Robert Cartier: Verde Valley Guidance Center

Roberta Howard: NazCare

Gary Brennan: Quality Care Network

Noel Gonzales: CPSA

Heath Kilgore: Southwest Behavioral Health in Payson

Dara Stewart: ADHS/DBHS

Christy Dye: ADHS/DBHS (now of Recovery Innovations)

Maurice Miller: Executive consultant (formally of NARBHA)

Next step:

- Establish an “Efficiency Committee” within DBHS to incorporate and provide detailed action steps to address committee recommendations as detailed in the report. Additionally, the “Efficiency Committee” will identify sustainable measures leading to a greater emphasis on outcomes and minimize the potential for paperwork creep.

Click here to access the report, [PAPERWORK REDUCTION IN THE ARIZONA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM.](#)

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